against which 11.20 lakh tonnes of wheat and 84,600 tonnes of rice were allocated. However, the actual offtake of rice and wheat has been lower than the allocations made to the State during the year.

Bulk allocations of PDS items are made by the Government to States/UTs including Rajasthan taking into account the demand received from them, stocks in Central Pool, *inter-se* requirement of States/UTs and seasonal factors. Allocations of PDS items are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the total requirement of any State/UT. Levy sugar allocation is made, generally on a uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita monthly availability to the projected population as on 1-10-1986. Additional ad-hoc allocation of five per cent in levy sugar was made to States/UTs including Rajasthan from August, 1991 till March, 1994.

(d) The projected requirements of foodgrains for areas covered under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) in Rajasthan is estimated at 10.84 lakh tonnes per annum. Foodgrains meant for distribution in areas covered under RPDS in the States are issued at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices, which are Rs. 500 per tonne lower than the Central Issue Prices for normal PDS. It has been stipulated that the End Retail Prices (ERP) of foodgrains distributed in the RPDS areas through fair price shops are not to exceed especially subsidised Central Issue Prices by more than 25 paise per kg. No special stipulation has been made regarding the ERP of other PDS commoditles distributed in the RPDS areas.

देश में उपभोक्ता आंदोलन

6232. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी :** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में आज भी उपभोक्ता मौजूदा संगत उपभोक्ता संरक्षण कानूनों, नियमों और विनियमों के बारे में पूरी तरह जागरूक नहीं हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह उपभोक्ता आंदोलन की सफलता में बाधा आ रही है ; और

(ग) यदि इस संबंध में उपभोक्ताओं को शिक्षित करने के लिये सरकार कोई कार्यवाही कर रही है ; तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ग) उपभोक्ता संरक्षण से संबंधित अनेकों उपभोक्ता संरक्षण कानून हैं जैसे उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1986 खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम, एकाधिकार और अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार अधिनियम, औषध और प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम, कृषि उत्पाद (श्रेणी करण और चिह्नांकन) अधिनियम इत्यादि, जो कई मंत्रालयों/विभागों द्वारा शासित किये जा रहे हैं यथा ; नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय, स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, कम्पनी कार्य विभाग, ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय आदि । उपभोक्ताओं में इन कानूनों के बारे में जानकारी की आम कमी है जो उपभोक्ता आंदोलन की धीमी प्रगति का एक मुख्य कारण है । जहां तक उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1986 का संबंध है, नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय ने जागरूकता पैदा करने हेतु अनेक उपाय किये हैं । इन उपायों में, उपभोक्ता संरक्षण संबंधी साहित्य का प्रकाशन और उसका नि:शुल्क वितरण करना, दूरदर्शन पर प्रसारण हेतु उपभोक्ता संरक्षण पर वीडियो क्विकीज तथा वृत्त चित्रों का निर्माण करना तथा आकाशवाणी के सभी वाणिज्यिक प्रसारण केन्द्रों से "अपने अधिकार" नामक साप्ताहिक कार्यक्रम प्रसारित करना शामिल है । इसके अतिरिक्त, जनता को शिक्षित करने के लिये राष्ट्रीय स्तर,

राज्य स्तर और क्षेत्रीय स्तरों पर संगोष्ठियां और बैठकें आयोजित की जाती हैं।

Amount spent for Air travel

6233. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 663 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1994 and state:

(a) what is the total amount spent for air travel during the year 1992 and 1993 by BCCL; and

(b) the facts in detail with month-wise breakups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) In Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., there is no system of separate booking of expenditure for air travel,. rail travel, taxi hire chares etc. Besides there are about 30 pay centres scattered at different places of the country. For ascertaining details of expenditure on air travel, all vouchers are to be scrutinized. Thus it is felt that the resources, time and effort required in collecting and compiling this information may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

Unpaid dues of CIL workers

6234: SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Miinster of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how many retired workers of Coal India Limited were not paid the gratuity till date;

(b) by when they will get their dues:

(c) why LTC of workers are unpaid for the last two years; and

(d) what is the total amount still remain unpaid and by when it will be paid to the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) 5849 retired workers of Coal India Limited are yet to be paid gratuity due to pendency of disciplinary action/vigilance enquiry against them, disputes regarding amount of gratuity, non-submission of applications by the claimants or their nominees and non-payment of companies dues. An additional reason in the case of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. is poor liquidity position.

(b) The payment will be released to the workers after meeting the requirements of gratuity payment rules. In Eastern Coalfields Ltd., payment will also depend on liquidity position.

(c) Payment of LTC to workers is pending due to shortage of funds in the case of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. Central Coalfields Ltd. and Western Coalfields Ltd.

(d) In Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Central Coalfields Ltd., an amount of Rs. 3286.83 lakh and Rs. 280 lakh. respectively is yet to be paid to the workers on account of LTC. In Western Coalfields Ltd., release of funds for the year 1993-94 is under process. The coal companies are taking steps to clear the dues as early as posible.

Test of 'G' OCP coal in BSP

6235. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal from 'G' OCP has been successfully tested in the blast furnace of Bokaro Steel Plant after beneficiation and carbonisation in Kumbraj type of coke oven;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the tests; and

(c) what are the future plan of Government to use the 'G' OCP coals in the steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Beneficiated coal from Golukdih Opencast Pro-